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Jinsei Candy 120% English Translation Guide

I recently bought a Jinsei Candy 120% but shortly realised it is very Japanese language heavy. I searched online for guides but could not find any, so I decided I'd make one myself to help others! The gameplay is based on the popular board game called Game of Life.

For the purpose of this guide, I will assign the 3 buttons as follows:

- Left button - A
- Middle button - B
- Right button - C

The whole point of this game is to "win" in your life. Which basically means progressing in the game by increasing your stats.

1. Starting Up

1. This device requires 1 CR2032 battery. To open up the battery cover, use a small pin to push into the button on the left, to take off the front plate. After the front plate is removed, underneath it you will see a reset button on the left, and a screw on the right. Remove the screw, and the back battery cover will come off.
2. Upon inserting the battery, the game will ask you to select 1 of 4 species to play: Rabbit, Cat, Mouse, and Human.
3. After picking your character, enter the time (pick ごぜん for a.m., and ごご for p.m.), blood type, and your name.

Now, the game officially starts.

2. Home Screen & Icons

- On the home screen, there are 6 icons that you can scroll through by pressing A. 3 icons on the top row, and 3 icons on the bottom row. Press B to select the icon you want.
- While on the home screen, pressing A and B together will pop up a screen that prompts you to enter a password, although I don't know what the password is, nor what it will do. Any time when you are on the home screen, pressing C will bring you to the clock screen, which you can see:
    - The time
    - The amount of money you have.
    - Your current life stage. The various list of life stages are listed in Appendix A.

3. Settings

While on the home screen. pressing B and C will bring you to Settings. This is the Settings menu:

- うらない **= Fortune-telling**
- サウンド **= Sound**
- でんちこうかん **= Battery Replacement**
- メッセージスピード **= Message Speed**
- じかんへんこう **= Changing Time**
- コントラスト **= Contrast**

3.1 うらない = Fortune-telling

Spin the roulette and it will tell you today's fortune.

3.2 サウンド = Sound

A message will appear, then you can choose whether you want to turn the volume on or off:

- ならす = Sound on
- ならさない = Sound off

3.3 でんちこうかん = Battery Replacement

Selecting this will ask you if you want to change battery:

- しない = Do not change
- する = Change

If you select Change, a message will appear then your device will go blank. Now, you can remove the battery and insert new ones. After you have changed, push the reset button and you can resume your game.

The reset button is the tiny hole on the left, under the front plate. It looks like the little hole on the side that you push to release the faceplate, but smaller.

3.4 メッセージスピード = Message Speed

Selecting this will ask you what message speed you want:

- おそめにはなす = Speak slowly
- ふつうにはなす = Speak normally
- はやめにはなす = Speak quickly

3.5 じかんへんこう = Changing Time

Selecting this lets you change the time. (pick ごぜん for a.m., and ごご for p.m.)

3.6 コントラスト = Contrast

Press A to cycle through the contrast options, then press B to confirm your selection.

4. First icon: Activity

Here, you can choose which activity you want to do. Each activity that you do will increase your stats over time.

If you are already doing an activity, a question will appear: いつのこうどうをかえる? (When do you want to change your activity?) You can pick from the following answers:

- いま **= Now**
- もくひょう **= Goal**

4.1. いま (Now)

If you picked いま **(Now)**, another question will appear: いまからなにする？ (What do you want to do now?). And you can choose which activity you want to do. The list of activities are listed in Appendix B.

After picking your answer, you will immediately do that activity.

4.2. もくひょう (Goal)

If you picked もくひょう **(Goal)**, a question will appear: もくひょうはなに？ XXXになるぞ! (What is your goal? It will be XXX!) XXX is the activity you are CURRENTLY doing.

- にんきものになる! = when I become popular!
- なまけものになる... = When I become lazy...
- てんさいになるぞ! = When I become a genius!
- キュートになるぞ! = When I become cute!
- けんこうになるぞ! = When I become healthy!
- おしゃれになるぞ！= When I become fashionable!

After picking your answer, a message will appear: XXX はがんばって YYY なるぞ！(XXX, do your best and become YYY!) XXX is your name and YYY is your goal. Then the home screen will resume your current activity until you reach your goal.

5. Second icon: Check

Selecting this icon will show the following question: どれチェックする~？(What do you want to check?). You can pick from following answers:

- じぶん **= Self**
- おとこのこ **= Boys**
- トモダチ **= Friends**

5.1. じぶん (Self)

If you select this option, you will scroll through a few screens that show you your stats:

1. First page shows the overall stats from 5 categories in the form of a vertical bar chart. Left to right, the icons represent: intelligence, cuteness, motion, sense, popularity.
2. Second page shows the points you have for かしこさ (intelligence) and かわいさ (cuteness).

3. Third page shows the points you have for うんどう (motion) and センス (sense).
4. Fourth page shows the points you have for にんき (popularity).

5.2. おとこのこ (Boys)

If you selected this option and you have not dated anyone, the following message will appear: だれもにまいよ... (There's nobody…).

However if you have dated some people, the following sentence will appear: おとこのこをどうする？(What do you want to do?)

- みたい = I want to see
    - If you select this option, there will be 3 screens
    - The first screen shows your relationship level (number of hearts)
    - The second screen shows his job.
    - The third screen shows the reason (reason you dated him?)
- わすれたい = I want to forget
    - If you select this option, a question will appear: だれをわすれる？(Who do you want to forget?)
    - After picking, it will ask if you really want to forget, and you can select your answer:
        - わすれる = Forget
        - わすれない = Don't forget
    - If you selected わすれる (Forget), he will no longer be in your list.

Note that you can only have 5 boys in your list. If you meet a new guy, you will be given an option whether to forget one of your existing boys on your list, or to forget the new guy you just met.

5.3. トモダチ (Friends)

If you selected this option and you do not have any friends, the following message will appear: だれもにまいよ... (There's nobody…).
I haven't managed to get any friends yet in my game, so I cannot make a guide on this section.

6. Third icon: Roulette

By selecting this icon, you will pay $60 to play a round of roulette, presumably mimicking how you'd throw the dice to make your move on the Game of Life board game. Sometimes the situation will prompt you to play a mini game or make a decision.

- If you land on a Heart tile, 2 things might happen:
    - One of your existing love interests will ask you out on a date. In this interaction, you can make several decisions such as where to go, what to do, etc. Sometimes he will ask you a personal question. Your responses will affect your relationship with him.
    - You meet someone new and go on a first date with him.

- If you land on a GAME tile, you get to play a claw machine game, where you pick up pieces that represent your stats. The pieces that you pick up will raise your stats accordingly.
- If you land on a Chest tile, you will receive an item.
- If you land on a Question Mark tile, someone will come and offer to sell you items. You can choose whether or not to purchase them.
- If you land on a + tile, a random event will occur that may raise one of your stats.
- If you land on a Skull tile, something bad will happen to you and you will lose some stat points.

7. Fourth icon: Shopping

Owning different items will increase your various stats. For example, buying a notebook will increase your intelligence. After selecting this icon you will have following options:

7.1. おかいもの = Shopping

- かいます = Buy. This option allows you to buy things. After selecting this option, you can choose what you want to buy. After selecting the item you want, 2 options appear:
    - かいます = Buy
    - やめます = Stop buying (Don't buy)
- うります = Sell. This option allows you to sell the things you already owned.

7.2. もちもの = Personal belongings

Selecting this icon will show you all the things you currently own, which stat they contribute to, and the number of points it increases your stat by. When your item list is full, you will not be able to buy or receive more items unless you delete your existing ones.

8. Fifth icon: Mail

Sometimes, this icon will flash, indicating that you have received mail. You can select this icon to read the mail. You will occasionally receive mail from the boys you have dated before previously. Depending on how you respond to the mail, your relationship will be affected accordingly.

9. Sixth icon: Communication

Selecting this icon will show the following question: なにをつうしんする？ (What do you want to communicate?)

- もちもの = Personal belongings
- トモダチ = Friend

Since I don't have another device to communicate with, I don't know how communication works.

10. Game ending

After progressing through the life stages, you will finally come to the end. There will be a short text description, describing how your life ends, and what you have achieved/become. In my first run, I graduated from university and became an OL (office lady).

After the game ends, it will ask you if you want to replay, and you can select はい (yes) or いいえ (no). If you select no, you will be brought back to the startup screen as though you had just inserted batteries.

11. Tips

- Sometimes on the home screen, a screen will suddenly show “パラメータ UP!” (Parameter up), which means that one of your stats have increased.
- When you are out on a date or receive mail, you will have to communicate with your date. Even if you cannot read Japanese, you can guess which is the “correct” reply that will make him happy, by looking at the punctuation. Usually sentences ending with exclamation mark (!) or even emojis like ☆ or ♡ generally connotate a positive response, which is most likely the answer you want to pick.

That’s all I can figure out on the device right now. I hope this helps you navigate it and good luck in winning in life!

Appendix A: Life stages

Your life stage will progress as follows:

- しょうがくせい = Elementary school student
- ちゅうがくせい = Middle school student
- こうこうせい = High school student. After you graduate from high school, you will be given a choice to pick:
    - だいがくへいく = Go to university
    - かいしゃにおつとめ = Work for a company
- だいがくせい = University student; ***OR*** しゃかいじん = Working adult

Appendix B: List of Activities

Activities that are available in any life stage:

- おしゃべり = Chit chat
- ヒマ = Leisure / Free time
- べんきょう = Study
- おしゃれ = Fashion
- きんトレ = Weight / Muscle training
- おえかき = Drawing / Painting

Additional activities that are available in elementary school:

- おてつだい = Help out house chores

- ならいごと = Lessons. When you pick this option for the first time, you will be given a chance to pick which lesson you want to learn.
    - えいかいわ = English conversation
    - バレェ = Ballet
    - すいえい = Swimming
    - ピアノ = Piano

Additional activities that are available in middle school:

- じゅく = Cram School
- ぶかつ = Extracurricular activities. When you pick this option for the first time, you will be given a chance to pick which activity you want to join.
    - しんたいそうぶ = Rhythmic gymnastics
    - バスケぶ = Basketball club
    - すいそうがくぶ = Band club
    - ぶじゅつぶ = Art club
    - サッカーぶ = Soccer club
    - せいとかい = Student Council

Additional activities that are available in high school:

- ぶかつ = Extracurricular activities. When you pick this option for the first time, you will be given a chance to pick which activity you want to join. (Options are the same as middle school.)
- きおいよびこう = Kioi prep school
- やるきよびこう = Yaruki prep school
- ひっしょうよびこう = Hissho prep school
- バイト = Part time job. When you pick this option for the first time, you will be given a chance to pick which part time job you want.
    - コンビニ = Convenience store
    - ウェイトレス = Waitress
    - シヨップてんいん = Shop attendant
    - ガソリンスタンド = Gas station

Additional activities that are available in university:

- バイト = Part time job. When you pick this option for the first time, you will be given a chance to pick which part time job you want. (Options are the same as high school.)
- けんきゅう = Lab research
- サークル = Interest club. When you pick this option for the first time, you will be given a chance to pick which club you wish to join.
    - テニス = Tennis
    - バンド = Band
    - ダンス = Dance

Additional activities that are available as a working adult:

- おりょうりきょうしつ = Cooking class
- デザインスクール = Design school
- スポーツジム = Sports gym
- サークル = Interest club. (Options are the same as university.)